GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WOMEN SAVING SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether saving under the Women Saving Scheme is being run under the District Rural Development Agencies, have declined during the last three years in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the savings under the scheme ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (c) : The Ministry is not implementing Women Savings Scheme under the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs). However, under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Self Help Groups (SHGs) are formed with thrift as entry point and Groups are encouraged to do savings. The savings help them to build up the group corpus, which is used as micro credit amongst the members. Self Help Groups could be exclusively of the women or it could be a mixed group also.The Ministry does not monitor the quantum of savings by the group.